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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Yes, Sir. We have taken expert assistance in the matter. We have examined the stuff. We have given every attention. Therefore, the present rules prevent the free sale of these things as had been prevailing hitherto."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, if according to the expert opinion, they are harmless as the Hon. Minister said, why should their sale be regulated?"

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Nobody said they were harmless. They are harmless except in the way of causing intoxication. The popular notion of many people who do not know the subject is that this is a poisonous stuff like, for instance, boot polish or varnish or things like that. That is not the case. These are essences which have been long in use, and if properly made, a drop of it can be put in ice cream and things like that. But to-day it has been misused. Regular importation from the neighbouring Province of absolute alcohol is arranged for with a little flavour mixed with it. It would not serve any purpose in the kitchen but it would only serve the purpose of misuse as beverage alcohol."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" Sir, from the answer and the clarification given by the Hon. the Chief Minister, it is clear that the answer prepared by the Department concerned does not conform to facts. Will the Hon. the Chief Minister hereafter pay some attention to the work of drafting these answers?" 11-30 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, this was not prepared by the Department. I might convey to the hon. the Leader of the Opposition in a whisper that this answer was prepared by me." (Laughter.)

[Note.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF INDUSTRIES.

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have to announce to the House that Sri S. S. Ramasamy Padayachi, M.L.A., is the only candiate validly nominated to fill a seat in the Board of Industries. I hereby declare him duly elected."

III.—VOTING ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS FOR THE YEAR 1952-53—*cont.*

(1) DEMAND XV—EDUCATION—*cont.*

MR. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Mr. Nagarajan will now speak."

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN :—" Mr. Speaker, Sir, of the manifold problems that have confronted us recently, Education is one."

(At this stage, several hon. Members were seen leaving the Chamber.)